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1 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2 MUSIC: THEME

3 ANNOUNCER: In a few weeks, the Spring migration of livestock will be on
4 again. Cattle and sheep by the thousands will be leaving the
5 winter range and the feedlots to start their annual trek
6 to the National Forests. There, under the watchful eyes
7 and protection of their owners and the Forest Rangers,
8 the animals will be fattened and made ready for market...
9 next Fall. Right now however the Forest Rangers are busy
10 seeing to it that the range areas are ready for entry by the
11 livestock. That's how things are in the Pine Cone National
12 Forest as we join Ranger Jim Robbins and his
13 assistant, Jerry Quick, out in the forest doing some last
14 minute checking-up. Here they are:

15 JERRY: (FADING IN) Look at it, Jim. All this fine browse here. You'd
16 never think the deer wintered here, would yuh.

17 JIM: Yep. It sure looks good, compared with what this range looked
18 like some years back. Kinda disproves what some folks say,
19 don't it, that you can't let your wild animals and your
20 livestock feed on the same area.

21 JERRY: Yeah.

22 JIM: This range ain't entirely perfect yet but I guess it'll produce
23 plenty of feed for Frank Thompson's cattle on their way
24 up the mountain to the later summer range.

25 JERRY: Yeah. Golly, I can't get over the way the range can come
back with care and protection.

1 JIM: In this case, Jerry, I'd say the State's up-to-date hunting
2 regulations helped more'n a little bit. Not limiting the
3 hunters to bucks alone, and regulating the number taken..that's
4 what made it possible to keep this herd at a liveable level.
5 JERRY: Liveable level?
6 JIM: You know what I mean. Through the right kind of hunting, the
7 deer herd's kept from getting too overcrowded on the range,
8 and now they can get through the winter without starving. And
9 there's food aplenty coming on to accomodate the early cattle
10 grazing too. We're reaching a balance here, between
11 the number of animals that've got to live off this area and
12 the amount of feed available, see?
13 JERRY: It's gonna work out sweell, Jim. The deer wintering down
14 here, and now most of 'em working back up the mountain following
15 the melting snow line to their high summer range. And the
16 cattle coming on behind 'em some weeks later, and finding
17 plenty of feed to keep them moving and healthy.
18 JIM: Yep. The deer are in better condition than ever before too.
19 We lost precious few animals through starvation this winter,
20 if any.
21 JERRY: Yeah, and just a couple years back, the deer were so weak from
22 hunger they could hardly jump out of our way.
23 JIM: Well, at any rate, we've got an improved deer herd now and
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1 JERRY: Yeah. But how about that Skull Rock area over there to the north,
2 Jim?

3 JIM: Well, even that restricted area's coming back pretty good,
4 Jerry. Frank Thompson's been swell cooperatin' with us like
5 he has, keeping his cattle off last year and fixin' to do
6 the same this year, And helpin' us maintain that drift fence
7 from Skull Rock to Devil's Den and all..

8 JERRY: I guess we oughta take a look-see at that fence, Jim, and find
9 out what shape it's in.

10 JIM: Yeah, we can head that way now. We oughta..

11 BESS: (WAY OFF) Jim! Jim Robbins!

12 JERRY: Jim, somebody's calling you!

13 JIM: I heard it. Sounds like a woman.

14 BESS: (OFF) Jim..Jim. Wait!

15 JERRY: Holy smokes, it's your wife, Jim. See? it's Mrs. Robbins.

16 JIM: What in the world's Bess doing way out here? (CALLS) Take it
17 easy, Bess. Wait there! We're coming.

18 JERRY: Think we got a fire or something Jim?

19 JIM: I dunno. We'll find out in a minute.

20 JERRY: (CALLS) Hello there, Mrs. Robbins, Something wrong?

21 BESS: (SLIGHTLY OFF) I....I'm not sure. ...

22 JIM: Golly, Bess, you're all outa breath.

23 BESS: (ON) I was afraid I'd miss you so I ran part way..You boys
24 forgot your lunch.

25 JERRY: Say, I did forget to pick it up when we left. Never even
thought of it, did we, Jim.

1 JIM: Golly, Bess you shouldn't have chased way up here just to bring
 2 our lunch. We've gone without eating before.

3 BESS: Oh, we were glad to get out anyway, Jim.

4 JERRY: We?

5 BESS: Yes, Mary came along. It's such a beautiful day and we..well,
 6 we had a chance to ride up on the logging truck, and the
 7 lunch gave us a good excuse.

8 JIM: That's fair enough I reckon, Where's Mary now?

9 BESS: She's back there a little ways. That's what I really ran about,
 10 Jim. We found a deer, a dead deer. We wondered if you'd seen
 11 it.

12 JERRY: A dead deer? Well, I'll be doggoned. We were just congratulating
 13 ourselves on losing nary a deer through starvation this winter.

14 BESS: Oh, but this deer didn't starve to death, Jerry. It's a fine
 15 young buck, or at least it was until..

16 JIM: What do you mean, Bess. What happened to this deer?

17 BESS: It was shot Jim. Right through the heart. (FADE) Come see
 18 for yourself.

19 PAUSE:

20 MARY: (FADING IN) I think it's terrible. Killing deer out of season
 22 this way.

23 JIM: There's more to it than that, Mary.

24 MARY: What do you mean Mr. Robbins?

25 JIM: This wasn't just out-of-season killing. Whoever it was shot this
 deer didn't do it for the meat. The animal wouldn't be here if
 that was the reason.

1 BESS: Maybe the hunter couldn't trail him after he shot him, Jim.

2 JERRY: Umh, unh, Mrs. Hobbins. That deer didn't go far after a clean

3 shot like that. That's what Jim figures too, I take it.

4 JIM: (ANGRY) Yeah. This buck was shot just for the rotten sport

5 of it or..or..

6 JERRY: Or what, Jim?

7 JIM: Or else there's some other reason I can't quite put my finger

8 on.

9 JERRY: What makes me see red is the idea of wasting good meat this way,

10 and a good hide, too.

11 BESS: What are you going to do, Jim?

12 JIM: Well I don't know, Bess. We haven't got much to go on here.

13 I s'pect we'd better..(SOUND OF GALLOPING HOOF BEATS COMING ON)

14 Now, who's that coming?

15 JERRY: Somebody pushin' his horse pretty hard. Say, it's Frank

16 Thompson, Jim.

17 BEATS ON FAST

18 JIM: Yeah, I see it is. Now what's he doin' out here?

19 MARY: Maybe he knows who shot this deer.

20 JIM: We'll see in a minute.

21 HOOF BEATS OUT AS FRANK WHOAS" AND DISMOUNTS

22 JIM: Hi there, Frank. Glad to see you. You know all the folks.

23 FRANK: (NOT TOO CORDIAL) Yeah. Howdy.

24 ALL: Hello.

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1 FRANK: (WORKING UP) They told me when I called your Station that I'd
2 find you out here..Now, Jim, you know I ain't one to mince
3 words and..

4 JIM: Speak up, Frank. If you know anything about this deer lying here
5 speak up.

6 FRANK: I'm not interested in any deer, Jim. I came here to get
7 straight on something else that's going on right here in this
8 grazing allotment I've got a permit for. I want to know why..

9 BESS: Excuse me, Mr. Thompson..Jim, I think perhaps Mary and I
10 ought to go..

11 JIM: No, stay here, Bess. Frank won't mind you women folks..will
12 you, Frank?
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FRANK: (TONING DOWN) Well, you'll jest have to excuse me if I get to cussin', Mrs. Robbins, but...Doggone it, Jim, what's the idea anyway, lettin' cattle come in on this area before the opening date set for all the rest of us ranchers?

JERRY: What're you talkin' about, Mr. Thompson?

FRANK: And if that ain't bad enough, the cattle you let in are back up in the skull Rock restricted area. Yeah, right there where I've been cooperatin' with you by keepin' my own stock off 'til the range comes back. Now what about it, Jim? Is that any fair way to do?

JIM: Frank, where 'd you get hold of a cock-and-bull story like that? You ought to know I wouldn't be party to that kind of business.

FRANK: I haven't seen 'em myself but I tell you there's cattle in this allotment, Jim. Soon's I got the report I hot-footed up here to find you and see what it's all about. Overstocking this range ain't gonna give us more beef for the war. You know that!

JIM: Frank, there isn't a single solitary head of stock on this whole range that I know of.

JERRY: That's right, Mr. Thompson. We've been all over this allotment except the ridge area, but shucks, there wouldn't be any cattle up there.

MARY: But there are cattle around Skull Rock, Jerry.

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1 JIM: Huh? What's that you're saying, Mary?

2 MARY: Mrs. Robbins and I came along the base of Skull Rock on

3 our way here and we saw cattle up on the ridge. We thought

4 it was odd, their being on the range so early, didn't

5 we, Mrs. Robbins.

6 BESS: Yes, that's true, Jim. I meant to ask you about it.

7 FRANK: Well, Jim?

8 JIM: I reckon I owe you an apology, Frank, questioning your

9 story like I did, but you've got to believe me when I

10 tell you I don't know a thing about those cattle. With

11 just me and Jerry here to cover the whole district, it's

12 pretty hard to keep track of everything that goes on..

13 But good gravy, first Bess and Mary find a dead deer

14 and then they pick up a case illegal grazing and both

15 things right under my very nose.

16 JERRY: We ought to head for Skull Rock and investigate, Jim.

17 FRANK: Yeah. Those cattle can sure do some real damage this

18 early in the season, and that's that rundown area we're

19 trying to bring back to normal too, Jim.

20 JIM: Okay. We'll go along, all of us. I reckon this dead

21 deer business will have to (FADE) Wait a while.

22 PAUSE

23 SOUND: OF COW BELLOWING OFF - SUSTAIN AT INTERVALS

24 FRANK: There they are, Jim inside the drift fence. See?

25 JIM: Yep.

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presents his final thoughts on the subject and
summarizes the main points of the study.

1 BESS: They look half-starved to me.

2 JERRY: Yeah, sure a sorry looking bunch of cattle all right.

3 And say! Look at that bull, will yuh?

4 FRANK: By George, Jerry, it's a mangy-eared scrub, that's wha t.

5 (ANGRY) Now how the dickens can us stockmen keep our

6 herds in any shape at all with an animal like that

7 roamin' all over the range, ' specially this time of

8 year? We're not hankering for a bunch of scrub calves

9 in the middle of the winter, no sir!

10 JIM: Don't worry. Frank. Those cattle'll be out of here pretty

11 doggone quick.

12 MARY: You'll drive them off yourselves?

13 JIM: If we have to, Mary. First, though, I want to try and

14 get a line on who owns 'em.

15 MARY: Aren't they probably branded, Mr. Robbins? All we have

16 to do is catch one and....

17 JERRY: (CHUCKLING) Did you ever try to catch a scrawny steer,

18 Mary?

19 FRANK: Yeah, they're plenty wild, young lady. And another thing,

20 those cattle are in pretty rough shape now and their

21 hair's kinda long like you can see, so it might be tough

22 to read the brand...Wait a minute...that little feller

23 over there. Can you see his ear mark, Jim?

24 JIM: I'm tryin'...Yeah..It's an underbit on the right ear and...

25 hmmm.... it's an underbit on the left side too. He's

cropped with an underbit on both ears, Frank. Yes sir,

it's a pure case of trespass, that's what, by somebody new

around here. I've never seen that kind of marking before.

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1 FRANK: (SLOWLY) Underbit in both ears, huh? Let's see now..
2 Let me see.... I know that mark, Jim, if you don't. Now
3 where did I see it?

4 JERRY: At one of the stock sales around the State last Fall,
5 maybe?

6 FRANK: Say! That's it, Jerry. I remember now. It was at...
7 at Elk City. And I remember the feller that brought the
8 cattle there. He was...well, doggone, Jim!

9 JIM: Huh?

10 FRANK: He is in this part of the country now. Yes sir!
11 Just moved into the valley. Came from the southern
12 part of the State somewhere. I can take you right to
13 him, Jim.

14 BESS: Jim, isn't it possible that this man doesn't know about
15 the national-forest grazing regulations? Maybe he really
16 didn't intend any harm at all in bringing these cattle
17 here?

18 JIM: There's my sympathetic wife for you, Frank...Yes, Bess,
19 it's possible that he doesn't know the regulations. So
20 I reckon it's up to us to start educatin' him for the
21 benefit of the other stockmen and the public as well.

22 JERRY: It's a cinch this fellow's not much of a stockman from
23 the looks of his cattle. But still, there's no excuse
24 for him to turn his livestock out on this range before
25 he finds out somethin' about it, Mrs. Robbins.

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1 BESS: But if you'll just explain the situation to him, I'M
2 sure he'll be willing to move his cattle right out.

3 FRANK: (HARD) We'll explain it to him all right. Don't
4 forget that scrub bull either, ma'am. He ought to know
5 us stockmen have all been tryin' to improve our herds by
6 weeding out the magpies, the poor animals that is, so we
7 can produce the best beef and hides possible to help out
8 in the war. If you ask me we oughta run this guy outa
9 here so fast he'd...

10 MARY: (LAUGHING) You certainly are building a strong case
11 against him, all right. It's too bad you can't accuse
12 him of killing that deer, too.

13 BESS: Mary, I don't think this is anything to joke about.
14 I...I feel kind of sorry for the man. And those poor
15 cattle there...

16 JIM: Wait a minute! Be George, Mary, I'd plub forgot about
17 that deer.

18 JERRY: You think he might've killed the deer, Jim?

19 JIM: Yes, Jerry, I do. There's some folks that don't have much
20 regard for deer and elk and the like using what they always
21 considered cattle range. And I happen to know that down in
22 the section he comes from there's been some shooting like
23 that going on.

24 FRANK: Say, you're right as rain about that, Jim.

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1 JERRY: Then a fellow like this bird would be sure to take a
2 potshot at anything wild that he thought was getting some
3 feed off the land. It'd be pure habit with him.

4 BESS: Is that right, Jim? Are there still men like that?

5 JIM: I'm afraid so, Bess.

6 BESS: (STRONG) Then what are you waiting here for, Jim Robbins?
7 You don't want that..that man to do any more damage,
8 do you?

9 JIM: (CHUCKLING) Hey now, Bess. Aren't you the one that was
10 just saying we oughta be gentle with him and explain
11 all about...

12 BESS: (ANGRY) Explain what! I'll explain it to him with a good
13 stout stick if I get my hands on that..that beast...

14 JIM: (LAUGHING) Come on, let's go get our man. I reckon we'll
15 have this trespass case settled in short order, Frank...
16 especially if Bess gets hold of him.

17 ANNOUNCER: And next week we'll see how this turns out.

18 MUSICAL FINALE

19 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week
20 during the National Farm and home Hour as a network
21 presentation with the cooperation of the Forest
22 Service, United States Department of Agriculture...

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